
**CONGREGATION SHA'ARAI SHOMAYIM
SPRINGHILL AVENUE TEMPLE**

FOUNDED 1844

THE TEMPLE BULLETIN

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We are coming together as a caring, inclusive community united in a common commitment to Judaism and to furthering our spiritual growth. We desire to do this recognizing that worship of God, study of Torah, caring for the Jewish people and our community, are central to our being as a Reform Jewish congregation. With these principles as our foundation and guided by a historic past, we anticipate our future, one of continual lifelong self-renewal.

RELIGIOUS SERVICES

Friday, November 1	6:00 p.m.	Shabbat Evening Service
Friday, November 8	6:00 p.m.	Shabbat Evening Service Cantor is with us
Saturday, November 9	9:30 a.m. 10:30 a.m.	Shabbat Breakfast Shabbat Morning Service Birthday Blessing for Roland Fry Cantor is with us
Friday, November 15	6:00 p.m.	Taste of Judaism Shabbat Service Birthday Blessing for Dr. Nate Ginsberg
Friday, November 22	6:00 p.m.	Shabbat Evening Service Birthday Blessing for Dr. Cal Ennis
Friday, November 29	6:00 p.m.	Shabbat Evening Service Dr. Nate Ginsberg will be conducting service

ALL SHABBAT SERVICES ARE CONGREGATIONAL SERVICES.
PLEASE JOIN US IN WORSHIP



TORAH SELECTION:
Genesis 25:19 – 28:9
Haftarah – I Samuel 20:18-42

FROM THE RABBI

Have you ever started going in one direction in life and ended up somewhere completely different? The story of the Pilgrims and Thanksgiving is one such story. When they set sail their intention was to go to Jamestown, Virginia. But they ended up unintentionally at Plymouth Rock. Like so much in life, they were unhappy at first, but it turned out for their best.

At Plymouth they were able to establish their own identity, from the Mayflower Compact, to organizing their own society and way of life. Their bad luck turned out to be a blessing, but the Pilgrims did not realize it. On their first Thanksgiving, when they thanked God for food, shelter, and life, it probably never occurred to them to thank God for being blown off course and landing in a different place than where they had originally intended. God works in mysterious ways. The divine plan by which the universe is run is far more complex than we can comprehend. Therefore, the better part of wisdom is to give thanks to God for all that God does.

The Talmud teaches that a person should give thanks to God for both the good and the evil. We should not be fair weather friends of God. Rather,

we should find reasons to be thankful even when it seems as though things are dark and difficult.

The Talmud teaches a story as an illustration. A certain sage was traveling on a journey and he came to an inn. He knocked on the door and asked if he could stay for the night. The innkeeper said, "no, the inn is full and we have no room for you".

The sage did not complain, he simply went into the woods and made a place to sleep for himself. The man had a donkey with him, but a lion came into the woods and killed the donkey. The man had a rooster with him, but a vulture came and killed the rooster. The man had a candle with him, but the wind came and blew out the candle. The sage accepted each one of these blows in good spirits.

The next morning when he awoke, he found out during the night robbers had come and killed all of the people at the inn. Had they let him in, or had his donkey made a noise, or had his rooster made a sound, or had his candle stayed lit, he too would have been killed. The sage repeated the words recognized by generations, "whatever God does is for the good." May we see God's goodness as we enjoy our Thanksgiving season.

Rabbi Donald M. Kunstadt

HAVE YOU CONSIDERED GOING TO THE URJ BIENNIAL ? DECEMBER 11-15, 2013, SAN DIEGO, CA

The Biennial is for everyone! It is *the* place for Jews from across North America to come together to learn, pray, share ideas, dance and sing, hear from inspiring guest speakers, reunite with old friends, create new connections and make decisions about the policies of the Reform Movement.

Activities and events are planned for every day of the event - learning sessions, meetings, networking sessions, daily and Shabbat worship services, shopping, entertainment, and more! More info at <https://urjbiennial.zerista.com/>

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS

Roland Fry – Saturday, November 9th

Nate Ginsberg – Friday, November 15th

Cal Ennis – Friday, November 22nd

Please join us for these special Birthday Blessings!

FROM THE PRESIDENT

We have been so fortunate at the Temple to have individuals and families who have given generously so that we could enjoy. Last month's Craig Taubman Sukkot-Simchat Torah Festival was a success beyond words. Thanks to the Fran and Paul Brown family for their contributions that made this event possible. The last time Craig was here, Michael Holberg coined the phrase, "I have never had so much fun at Temple," and he was right.

Thank you to all who have helped with the events we have had; they would not be possible without you.

Repairs are underway to our building that are very slow, but be assured we are doing the best we can to ensure the right thing is being done for the congregation. Our Temple will be better than it was prior to the tornado and not just back to the way it was. The windows and doors will be fortified so that future damage possibility is less likely, since we are in a storm-prone area. Hopefully, you have noticed the new windows in the Pollock Auditorium. They are stronger, but architecturally the same as originally designed.

We have many things going on at Temple, and I hope to see you all soon.

Alan Goldberg, President

FROM OUR SHLICH, HADAS HOFFMAN

Shalom Everyone !

I've been here for two months and continue to be so very busy. I enjoyed being a guest of the Mobile Area Jewish Federation with my friend, Tzlil Bandy, the Shlich from Montgomery, for the Devorah Award dinner honoring Eileen Susman.

I have begun lecturing to the non-Jewish community and recently spoke at St. Mary's School. It is amazing to see how Israel and the Jewish traditions interest them. Of course, the work here with the Jewish community is my first love. I am working on plans for this year that all of us can enjoy.

November will be a very, very, busy month. First of all, on **November 4th**, we have **Alan Rosen**, a scholar associated with **Yad Vashem**, lecturing at **USA's library** at **7 p.m.** On **November 7th**, I'm going to be speaking to the Somerby residents.

November 18th at 6:30 p.m. at the **West Region Library on Grelot**, I will be bringing Gil Cohen Magen, a speaker from Israel. Gil is the first Israeli photographer with the Reuters Agency. His lecture will be about "Shooting Under Fire" and the "Hassidic Community".

November 20-23rd we'll be at the **Mobile International Festival** representing the country of Israel. As you know, we have the responsibility to represent our homeland of Israel. I need for all of you to volunteer your time to make this a great event.

I understand this will be the first time that Channukah and Thanksgiving will be celebrated on the same day. I am putting together a Channukah play for the students at "Just 4".

I wish you a Happy Channukah and spin a lot of dreidels !

Shalom!

Please call ahead to the Temple Office (478-0415) when scheduling meetings at the Temple in order to confirm that the meeting space required is available and also (if after normal business hours) to make sure a representative of the Temple will be on the premises.

VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED!

The Temple is looking for volunteers to help with the **Holiday Dinner for the inner city mission on Sunday, December 8th**. The dinner will be from 6:00 p.m. Workers should be at the Temple by 5:30 p.m. **If interested, please call or email David Rose at 343-0007 or darose@comcast.net.**

Volunteers are also needed for the **Pinch Hitters program for Wednesday, December 25th**. Volunteers will be working Providence Hospital, Mobile Infirmary and Thomas Hospital. The work shifts at all three hospitals are 8-11, 11-2 and 2-5. For those wishing to volunteer please call Robin Ayers. Our workers staff the Front Desk and Surgery waiting rooms, thereby freeing the non-Jewish workers to spend Christmas Day with their families.

Those of you who have participated in the past know that it's a fun way to spend a few hours on Christmas Day, and greatly appreciated in the community. Those of you who have not yet taken part, give it a try this year. You'll be glad you did! **If you can help with this worthwhile interfaith project, please call Robin Ayers at 621-3280 indicating which hospital and which shift (8-11, 11-2, or 2-5) you prefer.**



THE JUST 4 VOLUNTEER WORKSHOP WAS A GREAT SUCCESS!

**THANK YOU TO OUR VOLUNTEER COORDINATORS,
PATRICIA SILVERMAN AND IRIS GINSBERG**



Just 4 Volunteer Workshop, Thursday, October 17th.

Photo courtesy of Rabbi Kunstadt

FROM OUR ARCHIVES

By Susan Thomas, Archivist

A headstone has recently been placed on the grave of Fannie Salmon Pierce Whitehead in the Temple Cemetery. Although Fannie died in 1935, her grave had remained unmarked, and basically unidentified, until this past year. Diligent efforts of her grandchildren eventually resulted in the gravesite being located and the headstone erected.

When Dr. Mark Gilberstadt of St. Paul, Minnesota, first contacted the Temple Archives in February, he felt there was a good possibility that his grandmother, Fannie Whitehead, was buried in the Temple cemetery. Fannie's mother, Annie Salmon, was buried there, and old newspaper clippings and other records indicated Fannie was buried in the "Hebrew Cemetery." However, the Temple burial records did not list a Fannie Salmon Pierce Whitehead.

Dr. Gilberstadt was persistent in his search. He next contacted Magnolia Cemetery and found out that the Friends of Magnolia Cemetery had records from the old Roche Mortuary in their archives. A search revealed the burial records on Fannie, and, indeed, they indicated she was buried in the Temple cemetery, in the same lot where her mother Annie was buried.

A closer look at the Temple's old burial information and cemetery maps showed that five burial plots were bought by a Maurice Salmon in 1920. Annie Salmon was buried in plot "C;" plots "A" and "B" were empty, but plots "D" and "E" were recorded as "no name." It was then apparent

that Fannie could be buried in one of the "no name" plots. Dr. Gilberstadt confirmed that Fannie had had an infant son who died in 1930 and his death certificate also stated he was buried in the Hebrew Cemetery. After consulting with Jack Friedlander, head of the Temple Cemetery Committee, it was decided that there was now enough evidence to assume that the two "no name" Salmon plots were occupied by Fannie Whitehead and her infant son.

A few months later the remaining grandchildren of Fannie had a double headstone erected across both graves. The family was very appreciative of finally solving the mystery of Fannie's burial location. The Temple burial records have been amended to show the location of Fannie and her son's gravesites.



High Holy Day Tribute Fund

We recognize with appreciation those members and friends who have made special commitments to our Temple by contributing to our High Holy Day Tribute Fund. We thank you for your generous donations.

Kavod (Honor) \$200 - \$499

Reita Franco
Julie and Randall Kogon
Mr. and Mrs. Steven D. Yellin

Shalom (Peace) – up to \$199

Jill Gottlieb
Violet Hirsch
Charlotte Martin
Priscilla Gold-Darby

Yahrzeit

It is a true Mitzvah to honor those whose memory we hold dear by attending services on the Shabbat Yahrzeit (year's time) joining your congregation in reciting Kaddish and the giving of charity in their memory.

November 1

Barbara Levine, Ruth Monheit, Josephine Kretzer, Edythe Pransky, Mollie Olshansky Boyd, Edith Conrad, Samuel Fox, Jerome Simon, Rachael P. Lipkin

November 8

Joseph Maisel, Minnie Fleisher, Sam Goldreich, Nathan Fleisher, Jack Silverman, Phillip Laden, Sarah P. Laden, David Silberstein, Isador Judenfreund, Ralph Ennis, Herbert Paillet

November 15

Harriet Friedlander, Sam Ginsberg, Joseph Gotlieb, Theo Tony Spitzberg, Rosa Belle Dreyfus, Evelyn Friedman, Jay Gotlieb, Gretchen Weinstein, Sam Mutchnick, Peter Susman, Ricki Susman

November 22

Jarrett Loeser, Dr. Samuel Sternberg, Arthur R. Seelig, Eugene Nadler, Leopold Nadler, Malvina Nadler, Sylvia Silverman, Freida Bauer, Henry Lehrer

November 29

Alice Laden Dahl, Rose Borak, Ellen Eber, Simon J. Buchman, Lou Conrad, Joshua Fetterman, Melvin Metzger, Stella Rubel Schwander

Rabbi's Hospital and Homebound Visitation Schedule



The Rabbi would very much like to be able to visit our hospitalized congregants and homebound congregants. Lately, however, due to HIPPA regulations, we have had a problem with some area hospitals not providing us with information about our members. If you would like the Rabbi to visit while you are recovering, please call the Temple Office at 251-478-0415 or email secretary@springhillavenuetemple.com

CONTRIBUTIONS

A plaque has been placed in honor of Jenny Rich's 70th birthday – Iris & Albert Klein, Jean & Roland Fry, Bobette & Lowell Friedman, Reita Franco, Ann Lowenburg, Dolores Loeb, Sandra & Harvey Gandler, Iris & Nate Ginsberg, Maury and Mary Ann Friedlander, Enid & Gil Laden

In honor of Eillen Susman receiving the 2013 Devorah Award – Priscilla Gold-Darby

In honor of Sandy & Ralph Holberg's 50th wedding anniversary – Iris & Albert Klein

A speedy recovery for Phyllis Feibelman – Iris & Albert Klein, Iris & Nate Ginsberg

A speedy recovery for Jay Melamut – Iris & Nate Ginsberg

General Fund – Dr. & Mrs. Richard Mazey

Archives Fund – Dr. Mark L. Gilberstadt

Cemetery Fund – Dr. Mark L. Gilberstadt

In memory of Max Mishkin – David Stillman

In memory of my father, Dr. Harold S. Cohen – Carol Adrian Cohen

In memory of Sue Magnes – Cindy & Phil Magnes

In memory of Carolyn Brown – Margaret & Milton Brown

In memory of Meyer Weinstein – Lucy & Steve Weinstein

In memory of Malvine Goldstein – Iris & Albert Klein



**JOIN US FOR RABBI KUNSTADT'S TORAH STUDY
EVERY WEDNESDAY EVENING – 6:00 P.M.
IN THE TEMPLE LIBRARY**

CURRENTLY STUDYING THE BOOK OF JEREMIAH.

HENRY S. JACOBS CAMP! SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE!

Plan now for a great Summer Experience! Due to the generosity of an anonymous donor, Temple youth will be able to receive a \$1,000 incentive grant for Camp tuition for first-time campers and \$500 for continuing campers. These funds are in addition to the first time campers scholarship program of \$1,000 from the Goldring Family Foundation.

Contact Henry S. Jacobs Camp, 3863 Morrison Road, Utica, MS (601) 885-6042, fax: (601) 885-6269; Website: jacobs.urjcamp.org





CHANUKAH SERVICE FOR THE HOME

THE FIRST NIGHT OF CHANUKAH IS WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 27

The family should assemble around the Menorah, having the proper number of candles in place - one for the first evening, two for the second, etc.

Reader: Our heavenly Father, on this festival of Chanukah we recall the heroism and devotion of the Maccabees who taught us and the world the true meaning of religious freedom. By kindling these lights we keep alive the flame of their faith and dedicate ourselves to carry on their spirit.

Response: And now that we live in a land of freedom, may we remain faithful to Thee and Thy word.

Reader: O God of Freedom and God of Justice! We glorify Thy Holy name in this land of freedom and justice.

Response: We pray that these tiny candles may bring the light of blessing into our home and hearts.

BEFORE KINDLING THE LIGHTS, HOLD THE LIGHTED SHAMOS (HELPER CANDLE) IN YOUR HAND AND SAY OR SING THE FOLLOWING BLESSINGS:

Ba-ruch Attah Adonai, Elohaynu melech ha-olam a-sher kid' shanu b'mitzvotav, v'tzivanu, l'hadlik ner shel Hanukah.

Blessed art Thou O Lord our God, King of the universe, Who hast sanctified us by Thy Commandments and commanded us to kindle the lights of Chanukah.

AFTER KINDLING THE LIGHTS, THE FOLLOWING IS RECITED:

Ba-ruch Attah Adonia, Elohaynu melech ha-olam she-a-sah nisim, la-a-votaynu, bayamim ha-heyman bazman ha-zeh.

Blessed art Thou O Lord our God, King of the universe, Who performed miracles for our fathers in days of old, at this season.

THE FOLLOWING BLESSING IS RECITED ON THE FIRST EVENING ONLY:

Ba-ruch Attah Adonai, Elohaynu melech ha-olam Sheh-he-cheyanu, v'key-mahnu, v'heegiyanu lazman ha-zeh.

Praised be Thou O Lord our God, King of the universe, Who has kept us in life, has preserved us, and enabled us to reach this season.

AT TEMPLE

Family Hanukkah Service and Dinner – December 6th – The Family Hanukkah Dinner will follow the Shabbat Service at 6:00 p.m. **Reservations are required for dinner!** More information can be found on page 11.

AROUND THE COMMUNITY

Alan Rosen, Yad Vashem Lecturer and Specialist in Holocaust Literature, will give a lecture at the University of South Alabama Library Auditorium on **Monday, November 4th, at 7:00 p.m.** entitled, **“To Capture the Fire: The Life and Works of Elie Wiesel”**. This lecture is open to the public and is sponsored by the USA History Department and in cooperation with the Gulf Coast Center for Holocaust and Human Rights Education.

“Jewish and Christian Women in Ministry: Responding to an Uphill Calling” is the topic for the **November 7th** Mobile Christian Jewish Dialogue program. It will be held at **7:00 p.m. at St. John’s Episcopal Church on Government Street.**

The documentary that featured our own Victoria Hirsch and Cory Garfunkel, “We Remember”, will be shown at 4:30 p.m.,

Sunday, November 10th at the Crescent Theater on Dauphin Street. Tickets are \$6. You can purchase tickets online now at crescenttheater.com

November 18th at the West Regional Library on Grelot Road at 6:30 p.m. – Gil Cohen Magen, the first Israeli photographer for the Reuters News Agency will lecture on “Shooting Under Fire” and the “Hassidic Community”.

Mobile International Festival, November 20 – 23, 2013. Of course, our Jewish community will be represented with an Israeli booth. It is a great event! To volunteer, please call Hadas Hoffman at 753-4860 or for info about the festival, go to <http://www.mobileinternationalfestival.org/>

Eastern Shore Havurah Chanukah Party, Saturday, 6:30 p.m., December 7, 2013 – This year the Chanukah will be at R & R Seafood (across from Felix’s) on Battleship Parkway. Please email your RSVP to Mary Lou Malcolm mimi73131@live.com and Carol Zimmerman caz9@aol.com. Don’t forget to bring food for the food bank



Shop early for all your Hanukkah needs in your Temple Gift Shop!

The Gift Shop will be open during Hebrew School and Religious School all through the month of November.

Happy Hanukkah!



Deborah and Amy

November Birthdays and Anniversaries

Happy Birthday To ...

- 1 Martin Lewis
- 1 Jonathan Stein
- 2 Cathy Hyman
- 3 Seth Cherniak
- 3 Rachel Metzger
- 4 Jamie McGinnis
- 4 Gerard Toubiana
- 6 Leonard Metzger III
- 6 Ellen Shulman
- 7 Laurie Berkin
- 8 Connor Holberg
- 9 Mark Melamut
- 11 Beth Friedlander Vorwaller
- 11 Nate Ginsberg
- 11 Joshua Gottlieb
- 11 Linda Marx
- 12 Emily Feibelman
- 12 Marissa Gamble
- 12 Ellen Hyman
- 13 Larry Kogon
- 15 Margaret Brown
15. Suzy Ginsberg
- 15 Scott Silverman
- 15 Cheryl Spain
- 15 John Sundberg
- 16 Michelle Appelman

- 16 Liz Fry
- 18 Calvin Ennis
- 19 Brandon Rose
- 19 James Spain
- 20 Maring Eberlein
- 21 Marisa Nadas
- 21 Jonathan Passman
- 21 Himath Singh
- 22 Steve Gandler
- 23 Melanie Susman
- 24 Nathan Handmacher
- 25 Leslie Berkin
- 26 Jill Gottlieb
- 26 Jessica Kogon
- 26 Jeff Lawley
- 27 David Altmayer
- 27 Reed Feldman Magnes
- 28 Phyllis Stern
- 29 Claris Feibelman
- 29 Jordon Elliott Ross
- 30 Rabbi Irving Bloom
- 30 Judith Denson
- 30 Zachary Fusco
- 30 Michael Holberg
- 30 Sheldon Mutchnick
- 30 Isabelle Seiken

Happy Anniversary To...

- 6 Heidi & Chris Kinsella
- 10 Enid & Gil Laden
- 12 JoAnne & Jon Fusco
- 19 Linda & Ed Blassingame
- 28 Pamela & Donald Friedlander
- 29 Meryl & Terry Harris
- 30 Frances & Max Mutchnick



December Birthdays and Anniversaries

Happy Birthday To ...

1. Jon Fusco
2. Meaghan Leah Furman
3. G. B. Kahn
4. Emily Fink
4. Patricia Silverman
5. Brian Ginsberg
6. Pam Friedlander
- 8 Nathan Aronson, Jr.
9. Mimi Fry
10. Marla Seiken
11. Michael Ennis
12. Sydney Shuford
12. Leighton Silverstein
12. Michael Sternberg
13. Cassie Fishbein
13. Eric Lansky
13. Jeffrey Rosenbaum
14. Ryan Kunstadt
15. Wendy Albrigh

15. Carolyn Shulman
17. Eric Lobel
18. Jason Friedman
19. Josie Leiderman
21. Steven Friedlander
21. Mindy Friedman
22. Anna Gardberg
24. Stephen Prager
26. Harold Fink
27. Yaffa Brown
27. Frances Mutchnick
28. Renee Stein
29. Suzanne Brown
30. Sam Borak
30. Karen Singh
30. Anne Zelnicker
31. Kelsey Kunstadt
31. Sharon Vega

Happy Anniversary To...

1. Jinks & Marc Loeb
6. Penny & Joe Adamo
14. Boots & Irwin Misrok
18. Alicia & Michael Pereira
24. Nancy & Roy Hoffman
26. Bobette & Lowell Friedman



FAMILY CHANUKAH DINNER
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 6TH FOLLOWING
THE 6:00 P.M. SHABBAT SERVICE



LOTS OF FOOD AND FUN!

SURPRISE ENTERTAINMENT FOR OUR KIDS!

**BRING YOUR MENORAH FOR A GROUP CONGREGATION
LIGHTING CEREMONY, SONGS, AND DINNER**

The Famous Men's Club Latkes!

PLEASE MAKE RESERVATIONS BY FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 29, 2013

ADULTS - \$10, CHILDREN (UNDER 10) - \$5

Temple Office (251) 478-0415

The Mobile Area Jewish Federation & Hadas Hoffman, our Israeli Shlichah

invite you to share a special evening with Gil Cohen Magen. Gil is the first Israeli photographer for the Reuters News Agency. His lecture will be about "Shooting Under Fire" and the "Hassidic Community" on Monday, November 18th at 6:30 p.m., West Regional Library on Grelot Road.



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CALENDAR

- Hebrew School – Wednesdays** **4:00 p.m.** **November 6, 13, and 20**
(no class on the 27th)
- Torah Study – Wednesdays** **6:00 p.m.** **November 6, 13, and 20**
(no class on the 27th)
- Religious School – Sundays** **9:45 a.m.** **November 3, 10, and 17**
(no class on the 24th or December 1st)



- Monday, November 4 7:00 p.m. Alan Rosen will give an open lecture at USA. Topic: "To Capture the Fire: The Life and Times of Elie Wiesel". More info on page 9.
- Thursday, November 7 7:00 p.m. Mobile Christian Jewish Dialogue at St. John's Episcopal Church. More info on page 9.
- Sunday, November 11 4:30 p.m. "We Remember" documentary at the Crescent Theater downtown. More info on page 9.
- Monday, November 18 6:30 p.m. Gil Cohen Magen, Israeli photographer for Reuters, will lecture at West Regional Library. More info on page 9 and 11.
- November 20-23 Mobile International Festival at the Mobile Civic Center celebrates its 30th year. More info on page 9.
- Friday, December 6 6:00 p.m. Family Hanukkah Service and Dinner. More info on page 9 and 11.
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